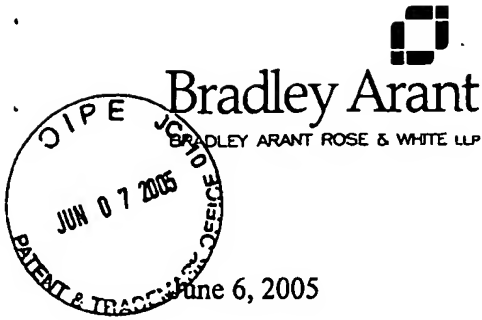


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RE: App. Ser. No.: 10/685,914  
Filing Date: October 15, 2003  
Inventor: Copeland, Daniel A.  
Title: Energized Restraining Gasket for Mechanical Joints of Pipes  
Responsive No.: Office Action of March 7, 2005  
Examiner: David Bochna

Dear Commissioner:

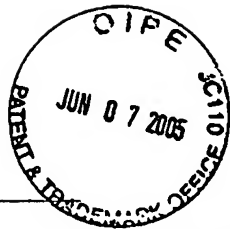
Please find enclosed an Amendment in Response to a Final Action relating to the Energized Restraining Gasket for Mechanical Joints of Pipes, Application Serial No. 10/685,914. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this response into the record.

Yours very truly,

Nathan W. Johnson

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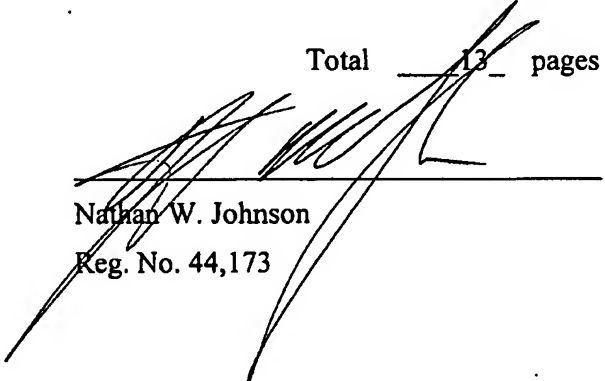
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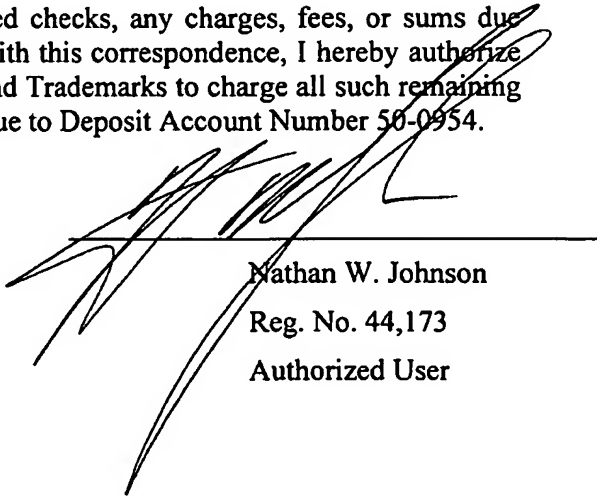
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## Response to Office Action

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

The above identified applicant respectfully requests the Commissioner of Patents consider the enclosed remarks and enter the following submission into the record, in response to the Examiner's most recent Office Action. Reconsideration in light of this submission is respectfully requested. If the Examiner requires additional action that may benefit from a telephone call, Applicant invites a call to its attorney of record, Nathan W. Johnson (Reg. No. 44,173). E-mail correspondence and transactions to [njohnson@bradleyarant.com](mailto:njohnson@bradleyarant.com) are authorized and encouraged.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 6 of this paper.

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